

Millender-	Regula	Spratt
McDonald	Reyes	Stabenow
Miller (CA)	Riggs	Stark
Miller (FL)	Riley	Stearns
Minge	Rivers	Stenholm
Mink	Rodriguez	Stokes
Moakley	Roemer	Strickland
Mollohan	Rogan	Stump
Moran (KS)	Rogers	Stupak
Moran (VA)	Rohrabacher	Sununu
Morella	Ros-Lehtinen	Talent
Murtha	Rothman	Tanner
Myrick	Roukema	Tauscher
Nadler	Roybal-Allard	Tauzin
Neal	Royce	Taylor (MS)
Nethercutt	Rush	Taylor (NC)
Neumann	Ryun	Thomas
Ney	Sabo	Thompson
Northup	Salmon	Thornberry
Norwood	Sanchez	Thune
Nussle	Sanders	Thurman
Oberstar	Sandlin	Tiahrt
Obey	Sanford	Torres
Olver	Sawyer	Towns
Ortiz	Saxton	Trafficant
Owens	Scarborough	Turner
Oxley	Schaefer, Dan	Upton
Packard	Schaffer, Bob	Velazquez
Pallone	Schumer	Vento
Pappas	Scott	Visclosky
Parker	Sensenbrenner	Walsh
Pascrell	Serrano	Wamp
Pastor	Sessions	Waters
Paxon	Shadegg	Watkins
Payne	Shaw	Watt (NC)
Pease	Shays	Watts (OK)
Pelosi	Shimkus	Waxman
Peterson (MN)	Shuster	Weldon (FL)
Peterson (PA)	Sisisky	Weldon (PA)
Petri	Skaggs	Weller
Pickering	Skeen	Wexler
Pickett	Skelton	Weygand
Pitts	Slaughter	White
Pombo	Smith (MI)	Whitfield
Pomeroy	Smith (NJ)	Wicker
Porter	Smith (OR)	Wilson
Portman	Smith (TX)	Wise
Price (NC)	Smith, Adam	Wolf
Quinn	Smith, Linda	Woolsey
Radanovich	Snowbarger	Wynn
Rahall	Snyder	Yates
Ramstad	Solomon	Young (AK)
Rangel	Souder	Young (FL)
Redmond	Spence	

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Paul

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Berman	Johnson (WI)	Poshard
DeFazio	Kennelly	Pryce (OH)
Doggett	Lampson	Sherman
		Tierney

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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CORRECTING ENROLLMENT OF H.R. 3150, BANKRUPTCY REFORM ACT OF 1998

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the concurrent resolution (H.Con.Res. 346) to correct the enrollment of the bill H.R. 3150, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the concurrent resolution, as follows:

H. CON. RES. 346

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That, in the enrollment of the bill (H. R. 3150), to amend title 11 of the United States Code, and for other purposes, the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall make the following correction:

In section 1014 of the bill, strike "Act" each place it appears and insert "title".

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 5 of rule I, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 4 of rule XV.

Such rollcall votes, if postponed, will be taken later in the day.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF LEGISLATION TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER SUSPENSION OF THE RULES TODAY

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 575, I announce the following suspensions to be considered today:

H.R. 4353; H.Res. 212; S. 1298; H.R. 4516; S. 191; S. 2235; and S. 2193.

S. 191—A bill to throttle criminal use of guns

S. 2235—A bill to amend part Q of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to encourage the use of school resource officers

S. 2193—Trademark Law Treaty Implementation Act

H.R. 4353—International Anti-Bribery and Fair Competition Act of 1998

H. Res. 212—recognizing suicide as a national problem

S. 1298—A bill to designate a Federal building located in Florence, Alabama, as the "Justice John McKinley Federal Building"

H.R. 4516—A bill to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 11550 Livingston Road, in Oxon Hill, Maryland, as the "Jacob Joseph Chestnut Post Office Building"

MEDICARE HOME HEALTH AND VETERANS HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1998

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4567) to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make revisions in the per beneficiary and per visit payment limits on payment for health services under the Medicare Program, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4567

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Medicare Home Health and Veterans Health Care Improvement Act of 1998".

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—MEDICARE HOME HEALTH CARE INTERIM PAYMENT SYSTEM REFINEMENT

Sec. 101. Increase in per beneficiary limits and per visit payment limits for payment for home health services.

TITLE II—VETERANS MEDICARE ACCESS IMPROVEMENT

Sec. 201. Improvement in veterans' access to services.

TITLE III—AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL EXCEPTIONS TO IMPOSITION OF PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN INDUCEMENTS

Sec. 301. Authorization of additional exceptions to imposition of penalties for providing inducements to beneficiaries.

TITLE IV—EXPANSION OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE MEDICARE PAYMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

Sec. 401. Expansion of membership of MedPAC to 17.

TITLE V—REVENUE OFFSET

Sec. 501. Revenue offset.

TITLE I—MEDICARE HOME HEALTH CARE INTERIM PAYMENT SYSTEM REFINEMENT

SEC. 101. INCREASE IN PER BENEFICIARY LIMITS AND PER VISIT PAYMENT LIMITS FOR PAYMENT FOR HOME HEALTH SERVICES.

(a) INCREASE IN PER BENEFICIARY LIMITS.—Section 1861(v)(1)(L) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(v)(1)(L)) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence of clause (v), by inserting "subject to clause (viii)(I)," before "the Secretary";

(2) in clause (vi)(I), by inserting "subject to clauses (viii)(I) and (viii)(III)" after "fiscal year 1994"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new clause:

"(viii)(I) In the case of a provider with a 12-month cost reporting period ending in fiscal year 1994, if the limit imposed under clause (v) (determined without regard to this subclause) for a cost reporting period beginning during or after fiscal year 1999 is less than the median described in clause (vi)(I) (but determined as if any reference in clause (v) to '98 percent' were a reference to '100 percent'), the limit otherwise imposed under clause (v) for such provider and period shall be increased by 1/2 of such difference.

"(II) Subject to subclause (IV), for new providers and those providers without a 12-month cost reporting period ending in fiscal year 1994, but for which the first cost reporting period begins before fiscal year 1999, for cost reporting periods beginning during or after fiscal year 1999, the per beneficiary limitation described in clause (vi)(I) shall be equal to 50 percent of the median described in such clause plus 50 percent of the sum of 75 percent of such median and 25 percent of 98 percent of the standardized regional average of such costs for the agency's census division, described in clause (v)(I). However, in no case shall the limitation under this subclause be less than the median described in clause (vi)(I) (determined as if any reference in clause (v) to '98 percent' were a reference to '100 percent').

"(III) Subject to subclause (IV), in the case of a new home health agency for which the first cost reporting period begins during or after fiscal year 1999, the limitation applied under clause (vi)(I) (but only with respect to such provider) shall be equal to 75 percent of the median described in clause (vi)(I).